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FROM:

As an Ex-Lord High Executioner of other people's prose I would like to comment on the article in the Weekly. (I'm writing this with the shoe on the other foot.) When did editors of any description decide that an article is full of interest if it consists merely of a series of quotations from such masters of prose as the leading Polish Communists? If we decide on an article about the cost of living in Poland shouldn't an effort be made to describe the situation. The first question that comes to anybody's mind in regard to such vague subjects as "standard of living" is: How badly off are the people? This question is not satisfactorily answered by using Ochab and his Hatchet Boys as our only source without any attempt to analyze their statements.

This protest probably shows how hopelessly out-of-date I am in regard to editorial styles and intelligence presentation. My obstinate belief is that serious unrest exists in Poland and it is largely attributable to a standard of living that should be commented on by ORR as well as Ochab, Mic, and other Marxist-soaked reporters.

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